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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE AND MINPLAN SANGARE

REF: (A)STATE 102985, (B) STATE 113286

1. SUMMARY: AMBASSADOR AND AF/W DIRECTOR MET PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE MAY 16 AND MINPLAN SANGARE LATER. GUINEAN GOVERNMENT REACTION TO US READINESS IMPLEMENT PL-480 TITLE I AGREEMENT IS PROPOSAL TO SEND MISSION TO WASHINGTON, LED BY SANGARE WITH THREE OBJECTIVES: A) TO COMPLETE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SALE AND SHIPMENT 10,000 MT RICE; B) TO DISCUSS ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE BOTH PL-480 AND SPECIFIC AG DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS; C) TO HOLD PRELIMINARY CONVERSATIONS REGARDING "POLITICAL" ISSUES AND TO PREPARE FOR POSSIBLE SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS AT LEVEL OF GUINEAN PRIME MINISTER. REGARDING POSSIBILITY OF ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE, WE SAID USA WOULD EXAMINE REQUEST IN LIGHT OF THE NEEDS OF GUINEAN PEOPLE AND ACTIONS OF THE GUINEAN GOVERNMENT THAT DIRECTLY AFFECT US INTERESTS. WE SAID WE WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH THE GUINEAN GOVERNMENT DURING LAST WEEK IN MAY REGARDING ADVISABILITY TIMING, AND SUBSTANCE OF SANGARE'S PROPOSED MISSION TO WASHINGTON. END SUMMARY.

2. AMBASSADOR AND AF/W DIRECTOR WERE INVITED TO CALL ON PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE MAY 16, FONMIN CISSOKO AND MINPLAN SANGARE ALSO PRESENT. ONE HOUR MEETING ALTHOUGH LONGER  
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THAN OTHERS WAS ONE OF SERIES PRESIDENT HELD WITH DELEGATIONS TO 30TH ANNIVERSARY GUINEAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY. BEFORE SEKOU TOURE CAME IN, FONMIN CISSOKO SAID MINPLAN SANGARE WOULD LEAD MISSION TO WASHINGTON TO IMPLEMENT PL 480 AGREEMENT, AND WOULD CARRY MESSAGE TO SECRETARY FROM SEKOU TOURE. WE NOTED THAT CALENDAR OF SENIOR WASHINGTON OFFICIALS HEAVILY CHARGED AND THAT SECRETARY WOULD BE OUT OF WASHINGTON FOR MUCH OF COMING

WEEKS.

3. SEKOU TOURE BEGAN WITH LENGTHY EXPLANATION OF GUINEA'S EARLY HISTORY FOLLOWING INDEPENDENCE AND "ABANDONMENT" BY FRANCE IN EXPECTATION THAT SEKOU TOURE'S GOVERNMENT WOULD BE INCAPABLE OF GOVERNING. SEKOU TOURE DESCRIBED EVOLUTION OF GUINEAN ECONOMY ALONG COLLECTIVIST LINES, STRESSING TOTAL INDEPENDENCE OF GOG. HE SAID GUINEA UNDERSTOOD US BUT US UNFORTUNATELY HAD NOT UNDERSTOOD GUINEA. AF/W DIRECTOR OBSERVED THAT THIS HAD NOT PREVENTED CLOSE AND USEFUL CO-OPERATION WITH AMERICA AND OTHER WESTERN FIRMS AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT GUINEA WOULD BE ABLE TO INTEREST OTHER INVESTORS IN GUINEAN ECONOMY. WE CONGRATULATED PRESIDENT ON 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF PARTY, AND THANKED FONMIN FOR INVITATION. WE NOTED NEW US ADMINISTRATION HAD DEEP INTEREST IN AFRICAN AFFAIRS, AND EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE USG ATTACHES TO HUMAN RIGHTS. WE RECALLED THAT SEKOU TOURE HAD RECOGNIZED THIS FACT IN HIS LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER FOLLOWING THE INAUGURATION, AND THAT AMBASSADOR KOUROUMA HAD DRAWN ATTENTION TO IT IN HIS INITIAL CALL ON DEPSEC CHRISTOPHER. WE NOTED GUINEAN GOVERNMENT'S STATEMENT THAT IT WAS READY TO ENGAGE IN HIGH LEVEL DISCUSSIONS WITH US ON OUTSTANDING ISSUES AFTER IMPLEMENTATION OF PL 480 AGREEMENT, AND ASKED SEKOU TOURE IF HE WISHED TO SUMMARIZE THESE ISSUES. HE NOTED SANGARE WOULD SHORTLY VISIT WASHINGTON. WE REPLIED THAT IN ORDER TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL HAVE IDEA OF SUBJECTS SANGARE MIGHT RAISE. SEKOU TOURE AGREED AND MEETING WAS ARRANGED FOR AFTERNOON. WITH REGARD TO POSSIBLE REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE WE NOTED THAT US WOULD CONSIDER REQUESTS CAREFULLY IN LIGHT OF NEEDS OF GUINEAN

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PEOPLE AND ACTIONS OF GOG THAT AFFECTED US INTERESTS.

4. IN SUBSEQUENT MEETING WITH SANGARE MONTAGA KEITA AND FNU DIAKITE (MINISTER DIAKITE'S SON) WERE PRESENT. SANGARE DESCRIBED OBJECTIVES OF HIS PROPOSED VISIT TO WASHINGTON LATER IN WEEK. HE NOTED HISTORIC TIES OF COOPERATION BETWEEN US AND GUINEA AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT PL 480 PROGRAM MIGHT BE RESTORED TO "TRADITIONAL" LEVEL, WHICH HE CHARACTERIZED AS SIX TO SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY. GOG DESIRED ADDITIONAL RICE, FLOUR, OIL AND COTTON. HE SAID HE HOPED ALSO TO DISCUSS OTHER NEW BILATERAL PROJECTS IN FOOD DEVELOPMENT, AND MENTIONED THE PROVISION OF OUTBOARDS AND TECH ASSISTANCE FOR FISHING, EXPANSION OF R&R PROJECT WHICH PROVIDED EARTH MOVING EQUIPMENT FOR WATER MANAGEMENT AT VILLAGE LEVEL, US PARTICIPATION IN IBRD PINEAPPLE PROJECT, AND DREDGING OF NAVIGABLE RIVERS.

5. SANGARE SAID HE WOULD ALSO BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS IN PRE-LIMINARY WAY THE POLITICAL ISSUES BETWEEN US AND GUINEA, IN PRE-

PARATION FOR THE POSSIBLE VISIT OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND MOUSSA DIAKITE. HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED US CONVERN AT THE USE OF CONAKRY BY SOVIET INTELLIGENCE FLIGHTS, AND RECALLED THAT THE GUINEAN GOVERNMENT HAD OFFERED TO SUSPEND THESE FLIGHTS LAST YEAR IN RETURN FOR AN "EQUIVALENT CONTRIBUTION" TO GUINEA'S SECURITY BY THE US. IN THE ENSUING DISCUSSION HE SAID THAT THE FLIGHTS HAD BEEN INITIATED AT GUINEA'S REQUEST AND COULD BE ENDED BY GUINEA AT ITS DISCRETION.

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6. IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUESTION, SANGARE INSISTED THAT GOG WISHED HIM TO LEAD THE MISSION THAT WOULD IMPLEMENT THE SUSPENDED PL 480 AGREEMENT RATHER THAN TO SEND ONLY A TECHNICAL TEAM. WE REPEATED POINT MADE TO SEKOU TOURE THAT ANY REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE WOULD BE EXAMINED IN THE LIGHT OF THE NEEDS OF THE GUINEA PEOPLE AND A CAREFUL REVIEW OF THE ACTIONS OF THE GUINEAN GOVERNMENT THAT AFFECTED US INTERESTS. WE SAID THAT WE COULD NOT COMMENT FURTHER AT THIS TIME.

7. IN VIEW OF OUR RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE UTILITY OF A MINIS-TERIAL VISIT BY SANGARE TO WASHINGTON ON SHORT NOTICE WHICH RISKED HIS RETURNING TO CONAKRY WITH FEW ACCOMPLISHMENTS APART FROM IMPLEMENTATION OF RICE PURCHASE AGREEMENT (WHICH DID NOT REQUIRE HIS PRESENCE), SANGARE SUGGESTED HE POSTPONE HIS DEPARTURE UNTIL DEPARTMENT HAD HAD OPPORTUNITY TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH A VISIT. WE AGREED TO CONSIDER MATTER AND RESPOND DURING LAST WEEK OF MAY.

8. COMMENT: CONVERSATIONS WERE USEFUL IF ONLY BECAUSE CONTACTS BETWEEN EMBASSY AND HIGHEST LEVELS OF GUINEAN GOVERNMENT HAVE BEEN RESUMED DUE TO OFFER TO IMPLEMENT PL 480 AGREEMENT AND US

PARTICIPATION IN 30TH ANNIVERSARY. WITH REGARD TO PROPOSED SANGARE VISIT, WE RECOMMEND REPLY CONFIRMING THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO WELCOME AND WORK WITH TECHNICAL DELEGATION TO IMPLEMENT AGREEMENT AT ANY TIME; IF GUINEAN GOVERNMENT WISHES SEND A MINISTER FOR THIS PURPOSE, WE SHALL NATURALLY LISTEN TO WHAT  
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HE HAS TO SAY, BUT WE CANNOT HOLD OUT ANY HOPE OF AGREEING TO DO MORE THAN STUDY HIS PROPOSALS. RECOMMEND DELAYING REPLY UNTIL SMITH'S RETURN.  
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